ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

ACREAGE REPORTS

According to our records at the office there are still some farms in the county that have not reported their crop and land use acreages for 1977. If your farm is one of these, please make the report at the ASCS office as soon as possible but before Dec. 1.

A normal crop acreage will be established for each farm based on the acreage of wheat, barley, rye, oats, grain sorghum, corn and soybeans planted on the farm in 1977. Small grain acreage will be included only when plantings were for harvest as grain, and soybean acreage will be counted only when harvested for beans. The normal crop acreage will be used as a basis for the 1978 Wheat Set-Aside Program. It will also be used as a basis for program benefits in 1978 (deficiency payments, disaster payments, and price support loans). If a farm does not report its crop and land use acreages for 1977, there will be no basis to establish benefits for the farmin 1978; therefore, it is imperative that all farms report their acreages for 1977.

DISASTER - We have had farmers ask recently when will corn, wheat, and barley low-yield payments be made? We hope to start making these payments within the next couple of weeks. Because of the volume of disaster applications and the increased work load due to the new farm bill, we have had to make some adjustments which has caused a delay in making payments. I hope that you will bear with us in this situation.

CARRYOVER TOBACCO - To avoid marketing in excess of farm quota, the carryover tobacco program will again be available to flue-cured producers. Under the program, producers may deliver the carryover tobacco to the Co-op for storage and processing until the 1978 marketing season. After July 1, 1978, the tobacco will be offered for sale. If the tobacco does not bring an acceptable price, the tobacco will be placed in the regular loan inventory at 1978 loan rates, proceeds from the sales and/or loan will be distributed to the growers after July 1, 1978. Delivery points will be determined at the close of the marketing season.

FIRE AND SUN- CURED TOBACCO MARKETING CARDS - About the middle of this month, fire and sun-cured tobacco marketing cards will be mailed to those producers who have certified as to the use of Toxaphene Endrine, DDT or TDE and whether or not Maryland tobacco was grown on the farm. If you have not certified, you will need to do so before the marketing card can be issued.

FIFTEEN VIRGINIA LOGGERS HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE

The first winners of a new, statewide Logger Merit Award program have been announced by Virginia Forestry Association. Designed to recognize loggers for outstanding performance in harvesting and logging practices, the Logger Merit Award is the first program of its kind in Virginia. The fifteen winners will be honored at the Fall Meeting of the Virginia Forestry Association at Airlie House in Warrenton on Friday, October 28. Loggers must be nominated by two persons, and the selection of award winners is made by a qualified panel of judges chosen by VFA. Winners are selected through written evaluations of their total logging operations performed on private, industrial or governmental lands.

Many criteria are considered in selecting Logger Merit Award winners. The logger must harvest timber according to a forest management plan, and he must cut and remove all designated wood while utilizing all merchantable wood within the cut trees. He must protect remaining timber stands during his thinning and harvesting operations and practice good watershed management. His operations must be conducted in a sound, fair and businesslike manner. An understanding of Virginia's forest conservation laws must be exhibited regarding fire and timber harvesting. The logger's business activities must result in good forestry practices and clean water. Extra consideration is given for forestry-related involvement in community and educational affairs.

The Logger Merit Award program is a continuing one, and there is no limit to the number of loggers who may receive the award. Loggers from another state are eligible if their work is performed in Virginia. Nominations will be reviewed yearly on June 1 and December 1. Winners receive a framed certificate, a special set of award decals for use on their trucks and equipment and a one-year gift membership in Virginia Forestry Association.

Since the first sawmill at Jamestown in 1608, a whole industry has evolved from Virginia's forests. The economics of manufactured forest products in Virginia is impressive . . . over $2.4 billion annually. Virginia produces over a billion board feet of lumber each year, and 18% of the state's work force is involved in the manufacture of forest products. Good logging operations are important in preventing soil erosion and in maintaining water quality. The Logger Merit Award will recognize those loggers who encourage these practices. The first recipients of the Logger Merit Award are: John D. Allen of Dillwyn, Ralph L. Steele of Amelia, Earl Johnson of Madisonville, Walter W. Jones of Providence Forge, Norman L. Long of Doswell, J. Richard Reed of Aylett, Joseph H. Knighton of Montpelier, Dan L. Magee of Wakefield, Noah E. Wood of Charlottesville, The Griffith Brothers of Keysville, H. L. Emerson of Amelia, The Gibson Brothers of Cumnor, Lloyd E. Bennett of Triplett, James L. Moody of Lanexa and Ryland Clary of Brodnax.

Virginia Forestry Association is a non-profit, privately supported association of conservation - minded groups and citizens, Tree Farmers, foresters, educators and forest products industries. It was founded in 1943 to promote the wise use of forest resources in Virginia for present and future generations.

Law Helps Police Remove Drinking Drivers From Highway

LYNCHBURG, Va. - Many drivers arrested for drunk driving (DUI) forget that driving is a privilege not a right. Virginia's implied consent law requires an arrested driver to take a chemical test or lose his license for 90 days. This law is a condition under which all drivers use the state's highways, not just Virginia's licensees.

The implied consent law, passed in 1973, has been helping police remove drinking drivers from the highways. A blood or breath test revealing a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .10 percent is evidence of intoxication in many states, including Virginia. Driving abilities are impaired at .05 percent (about two drinks for most people) and a DUI conviction can be obtained at any BAC.

60 different medical conditions can create symptoms of intoxication. Rapid testing of a suspected drunk driver can tell the officer if treatment is needed rather than a night in jail. The breathalyzer test gives a blood alcohol content (BAC) reading in a minute and a half. The blood and breath tests are equally accurate, but the breath test is much faster and easier to administer, according to local police officials.

The breathalyzers used in Virginia are certified every 6 months by the Department of Health. The breathalyzer operator also has to be certified by taking a course offered by the Bureau of Forensic Science.

To help reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by drinking drivers, the Central Virginia ASAP has purchased a breathalyzer for use in the City of Bedford. ASAP Director, L. T. Townes presented the machine to Police Chief Tommy Harrison this week.

Townes said, "The breathalyzer will cut the time needed for an officer to process a DUI defendant allowing time to continue patrol duties sooner."

Va. Fibre Reports Wood Purchases For Week

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Va. Fibre Corp. of Riverville for the week ending October 30, 1977. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	$ 4,470.54
Amelia	211.31
Amherst	6,078.47
Appomattox	4,281.22
Augusta	-
Bedford County	3,611.42
Buckingham	7,128.02
Campbell	5,096.34
Charlotte	428.64
Cumberland	3,875.61
Fluvanna	602.55
Goochland	1,856.88
Nelson	8,415.19
Nottoway	580.87
New Kent	-
Pittsylvania	1,334.73
Prince William	535.70
Prince Edward	3,155.80
TOTAL	$51,663.30

We feel this information will be of interest to our readers in this county and in adjoining counties.

Oyster Season, Enjoy Them

BLACKSBURG - The "R" months are traditionally the time for oysters, but, actually oysters are safe to eat any month of year nowdays.

"Thanks to modern refrigeration and ice, oysters are available all year," George J. Flick, Jr., Extension specialist in food technology, said.

But the best time of the year for oysters is the Thanksgiving - Christmas holiday season, January and February. The summer - harvested oysters tend to be watery and small.

Some good recipes for oysters can be found in "Recipes from Old Virginia," a collection of recipes developed by Virginia cooks over the last 200 years and tested by Extension Homemakers Club members before being published. Eleven of those recipes are for oysters and some are:

Roasted Oysters

Have a hot fire in an outdoor fireplace (of course you could use a barbecue grill). Wash unshelled oysters and lay them on an iron sheet over the fire. When the shells open, the oysters are ready to eat. Serve with melted butter to which you've added salt and pepper to taste. Roasted oysters are delicious with crackers. Oysters can also be roasted in an oven - set the temperature at 350 degrees Fahrenheit, put the oysters on the shelves, and put a pan on the bottom shelf to catch the juices.

Remember when purchasing fresh, unshucked oysters, look for a tightly closed shell. Oysters in the shell must be purchased alive. If the shells are gaping open, and do not close at once when handled, the oysters are not alive and should not be purchased.

Keep fresh oysters in the refrigerator (40°F) where they will stay fresh and good to eat for several days.

To order "Recipes from Old Virginia" - - which has more than 300 pages of other goodies - send $4.30 to Mrs. Tom Martin, Second Street, Christiansburg, VA 24063, or contact an Extension Homemakers Club member in your area.

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Father Darkleaf

CALVIN ROBINSON

Brrr. That is cold in any language. Had a nifty 29 reading on my porch thermometer when checked about 6:30. But the Sun was coming up and it was crystal clear overhead and a warming trend promised. The weather forecast nowadays is more generally accepted than used to be. I made a sort of accounting of what had been predicted and what it was, and turned out to be pretty accurate.

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In the winter months it is comforting to know that you have a good battery in your car and chances are that you can get started. I do not recall ever living anyplace where there was a garage for my car. Sits out in front of the house every night. But I do remember a Model A my late Dad owned that had to be coaxed to start. The trick was to pour hot water over the manifold. And there was a primer to pull and a gadget to adjust the leaness of the gas flow. Or something. I was always timid about cranking a car by hand. The other day I found an old automobile crank in my basement. Have no remembrance of where it came from. Want to buy an antique? I have a beautiful laprobe blanket from the old horse and buggy days. When I drive out early (for me) in the morning and see literally hundreds of cars parked where people work, I never say "They do not make'em like they used to." What I do say is that they make'em a lot better.

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Friday was a big day in what I call my garden area. Found some help and we set about to plant flower bulbs. Dug holes all over the place, four to eight inches deep and buried (pointed side up) lots of tulips, narcissus, & daffodils. Someone had said to plant mothballs with the bulbs to keep underground critters away, but I forgot. Did not have any mothballs anyway. Yesterday found a pack of white emperor tulips had overlooked, but there is time yet, and who knows, will get them in the ground on my own.

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That knock at my front door Saturday was Bro. Franklin Vaughan, bringing a big bag of turnip eater, as well as holding certificate No. 276, Black-Eyed Pea Society of America (signed by founder Jack Kilpatrick, noted editor and TV commentator.)

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Hampden-Sydney, William and Mary and VMI were Virginia football winners over the week end. Could be the best season Hampden-Sydney has had in modern times. The wrap-up games are next and then for a few, bowl bids. (Slippery Rock 14, Clarion 14).

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Ah yes, Monday, Nov. 14, 29th birthday of Prince Charles of England. This week, the Baptist General Association of Virginia meets in Newport News. Saturday afternoon several reports of a few flakes of snow. Hunting season is upon us. Quail, rabbit, grouse, turkey. Supply is limited. Next is season for deer and bear.

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Proud of Charles T. Moses, III, of Appomattox, second classman at VMI. Won top honors in debating and individual speaking events. His major is history. Also proud of Extension Agent Jim Smith. He is vice president of National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

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For reading of late have been over my head in The Story of Philosophy, by Will Durant. All about the master minds of all time . . . Plato, Aristole, Socrates, Bacon, Kant, Voltaire, Rousseau, Spinoza, Nietzche, etc. It is said that science gives us knowledge, philosophy gives us wisdom.

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

SPOUT SPRING RURITANS HELD OFFICER INSTALLATION

Mr. John Metzger, Zone Governor from Cumberland, installed the officers of the Spout Spring Ruritan Club at its regular meeting Monday night. New club officers will officially take office in January of 1978.

Pictured above, front row, left to right, are Outgoing President, Haywood Nuckles; Incoming President, Curtis Wooten; Zone Governor and Installing Officer, John Metzger; 3 year director, Al Reynolds; and on back row, left to right, James Cheatham, Vice President; James Bolinger, Secretary; Floyd Coleman, Chaplain; Norman Ferguson, 1 year director; and officers not present for photo were Alex Garrett, 2 year director; Dick Dickerson, Treasurer; and Franklin Vaughan, Reporter.

Ernie Chenault and David Caldwell presented a slide program on their 4-H Club exchange to South Dakota this past summer.

REV. LAWING - APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday was Appreciation Day for the Rev. R. Q. Lawing when a host of friends and relatives honored him at a special service held at Canaan Baptist Church.

Mr. Joseph F. Lewis from the office of the Governor of Virginia, left above, is shown presenting Rev. Lawing with Certificates of Recognition from Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Governor of Virginia, and one from the Governor's wife, Katherine Godwin, Honorary Volunteer Virginia Chairman. The certificates were in recognition of outstanding volunteer service rendered to the citizens of the State of Virginia and for the outstanding service rendered to his community.

We, too, congratulate Rev. Lawing on his recognition and wish for him the best of everything in life. He has made great contributions to this county.

Mrs. Hudson Receives Promotion At Farmers Bank

Mrs. Mary Alma Hudson was elected Assistant Cashier and Auditor at the November Board of Directors Meeting at the Farmers National Bank.

She began her banking career of 29 years in September of 1947 with the Bank of Appomattox and remained on when the bank became Fidelity National Bank until May of 1975. Mrs. Hudson joined the staff at Farmers National Bank February 17, 1976 and has been there since that time.

She is married to M. L. Hudson of Appomattox and they are the parents of one daughter, Mary Kathryn, age 13.

A member of Memorial United Methodist church and a Trustee on the Administrative

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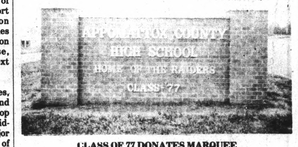

CLASS OF 77 DONATES MARQUEE

As its gift to its Alma Mater, the Senior Class of 1977 left the school its first marquee. The sign is located on Route 727 in the area adjoining the teacher's parking lot and bears the wording, "Appomattox County High School" along with "Home of the Raiders" and "Class of '77."

Plans for the sign were drawn by students of the Drafting Department. The sign, composed of brick, was constructed by Masonary Students of the Class of 1977, and the wording attached by second year Masonry Students under the direction of Mr. George Almond.

A time capsule containing momentos of the graduating Class of 1977's final year, is to be enclosed in the sign. A class picture, Raider button, Homecoming momentos, and a copy of the last issue of the "Raider Reporter", (the school newspaper) are to be included in the capsule.

The school greatly appreciates such a useful and magnanimous gift from a class that will long be remembered.

Football Contest Winners Announced

Due to the postponement of two of the Seminole District games, winners in the Nov. 3rd Football Contest sponsored by area businesses each week are bieng announced this week by the Times-Virginian.

In the November 3rd contest, Clemson and North Virginia game was a tie and the Penn State - North Carolina State game was listed twice. These games were not counted except in the tie-breaker. Therefore, out of a possible 20 games to predict correctly, three persons entering the contest tied with 17 correct predictions, Robert G. Harris, A. H. Carter, and Dan Herncall. Going to the Tie-Breaker for a winner, in the Appomattox - Amherst game A. H. Carter with an 11 point difference in this game is the first place winner. Robert G. Harris and Dan Herncall each had an 8 point difference so going to the second tie-breaker, with a 13 point difference in the store, Robert G. Harris is the second place winner. Dan Herncall had an 11 point difference and the actual score difference in the game was 14 points.

In the Nov. 10th contest, out of a possible 23 games to predict, two persons each predicted 21 of the 23 correctly. They were Nelwyn Morris and Britt Herncall. Going to the tie-breaker for a winner, Nelwyn Morris with a 14 point difference is winner of first place and with a 25 point difference, Britt Herncall is winner of second place.

First place winners in the contest for both weeks will receive a check for $10.00 from the Times-Virginian and second place winners will receive a check in the amount of $5.00 as their prizes.

Be sure and enter the contest this week - you just may be the winner.

Appomattox Jaycee Country Music Contest Planned

The Appomattox County Jaycee Country Music Contest will be held this year in the Appomattox County High School auditorium on December 2, 1977 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The contest promises to be the best ever held, there will also be a donation raffle held for $175.00 prize money.

The money that the Jaycees made on the contest is used to take underprivileged children in Appomattox County on a Christmas Shopping Tour. The tour consists of showing the children movies for about one and one-half hours, they are served supper, then they are each given an envelope containing a certain amount of money and taken to local stores to buy presents for their families and themselves. After the purchases are made, they go back to the primary school to wrap the presents.

The highlight of the evening is a visit at this time from Santa who has a gift for each child. The children are taken home after a fun-filled night.

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE PLANNED

The community-wide Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday night, November 23, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Appomattox.

Participating churches are New Hope Baptist Church, Liberty Baptist Church, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church, and Memorial United Methodist Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

POST OFFICES WILL OBSERVE HOLIDAY

The Appomattox Post Office and the Pamplin Post Office will be closed Thursday, November 24, 1977, for Thanksgiving Day.

There will be no window service or rural delivery service on Thursday.

DONATE TO FIREMEN

Paul Drinkard and James Ford, Jr. have reported that funds donated for the Appomattox County Volunteer Firemen for their Christmas dinner and gifts have been quite slow in coming in to them.

They would appreciate it very much if you would make your donation to either of the men listed above. Show that you appreciate the volunteer service these fine men render to the citizens of this county.

BANKS WILL OBSERVE HOLIDAY

American Federal Savings & Loan Association, Farmers National Bank, Fidelity American Bank and The First National Bank of Farmville, Pamplin Branch will all be closed Thursday, November 24, 1977, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

All banks will be open Friday for business as usual.

Post Office Ask For Cooperation

Postmaster O. S. McCoy is soliciting the cooperation of road authorities and customers in keeping roads passable and approaches to mailboxes cleared during the winter months.

Rural Carriers must make every reasonable effort to serve the greatest number of customers possible during severe weather, using alternate roads or retraces when necessary. The carriers are not required, however, to provide service on foot when roads are impassable.

Customers are responsible for keeping approaches to boxes clear of snow and all other obstructions, which may make delivery of mail difficult or at times impossible.

Customers are also reminded to make sure packages and cards arrive on time for Christmas, "Shop Early" and "Mail Early."

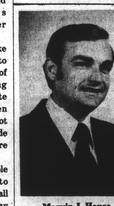
LIONS CLUB TO MEET TONIGHT

The Lions Club of Appomattox will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at the John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

A slide presentation by Karen Knapp, local Westvaco CMF Forester, will be the program feature for the evening. Since many Lions are already tree farmers and others soon will be, the topic, "Forest Management On Private Lands," will be especially timely.

All members will want to be present at this meeting.

School Board Hears Report On APS Heating System



Marvin J. House, Jr.

Mrs. Jean LeGrand

Fidelity Employees Are Promoted

November 10, 1977... Marvin J. House, Jr, loan officer at Fidelity American Bank's Appomattox office, has been promoted to loan officer and assistant branch manager at the bank's Amherst office. He will leave November 21 to assume his new position, and his duties in Appomattox will be assumed by Mrs. Jean LeGrand.

A native of Blackstone, Mr. House was graduated from Appomattox High School and joined the staff at Fidelity in 1974. He is a member of the American Institute of Banking and has completed several courses sponsored by that organization.

Active in civic work, Mr. House serves on the Appomattox Town Council, is treasurer of the FFA Alumni and is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Lions Club. He also belongs to the Falling River Country Club and is treasurer of the Gala Lake Ski Club.

Mr. House is a member of the Memorial Methodist Church, where he serves as stewardship chairman.

He and his wife, the former Patricia Lamm, have two children, Marvin J. House, III and Susan Renee.

Mrs. LeGrand was also born in Appomattox and was graduated from Appomattox High School.

She was employed by Fidelity in 1951 and has worked in the loan area of the bank since 1957.

She is a member of Liberty Baptist Church where she serves as assistant secretary in the Sunday School department.

She is married to Walter H. LeGrand and they have two children, Mrs. Jean LeGrand Moore and Susan Renee.

The Appomattox County School Board was informed as its meeting held Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1977 that progress has been made toward correcting problems in the new heating system in the Appomattox Primary School. There is still a problem with the noise. This seems to be the result of defects in one of the circulation motor pumps.

A request will be made to the architect and engineer for this circulation motor pump to be replaced.

In other business the Board received a report on a meeting of the Central Planning Council for Appomattox County Schools. This committee has responsibility for the establishment of objectives for presentation to the School Board. Objectives approved by the school board will give direction to the school system for the next six years.

Areas under consideration by the Central Planning Council include basic learning skills; alternate education; responsible student conduct; minimum requirements for graduation; career education; job placement; special education; gifted and talented; testing; environmental education; elementary summer school; and adult and vocational education.

At each board meeting during the current school year, student conduct and behavior has been discussed. Helping students achieve and practice acceptable conduct and behavior is a primary goal of the school board and school employees. In an attempt to reach this goal, parents are being involved, assistance of various agencies is utilized and school personnel are giving their encouragement and assistance.

The next board meeting is scheduled on December 9th. The board will meet for lunch, visit in schools and convene the official meeting at 3 p.m. in the School Board Office.

MEETING OF DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS

A meeting of the Downtown Merchants will be held at the Town Hall, Thursday, November 17, 1977, at 7:00 p.m. All merchants are urged to attend.

"Alcohol Is A Crash Diet"

The Appomattox County Sheriff's Department is working with the Central Virginia ASAP to reduce the number of drunk driving injuries, deaths, and crashes. Deputy Sheriff Dallas Moore is shown above placing one of the bumper stickers on his car as a reminder to motorists not to drink and drive. From now through the holidays, each vehicle in the Department will display the VASAP message: "Alcohol Is A Crash Diet."

Sheriff Gene Richardson and Robert Keaton with the ASAP Program hope that drivers will see the reminder and know that drunk driving is a dead-serious offense which causes over half of the highway fatalities.

No Trash Pick-Up Thursday

The Town of Appomattox has announced that there will be no trash pick-up Thursday, November 24th as they will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Trash will be picked up on Friday of that week.

MEMBERS OF THE APPOMATTOX LIONS CLUB are once again offering for sale those delicious "Benson's" sliced old home Fruit Cakes and at only $4.50 for the three pound cake you get a real bargain and at the same time support the local Lions Club.

Members shown above with cakes, left to right, are M. J. House, Jr., Robert Carter, chairman of the cake sale; Murrell Ferguson, and Franklin Vaughan. Cakes are in most business places for sale, you can purchase one or more from any member of the Lions Club, or contact Robert Carter and he says he'll get your cakes to you. These cakes are not only good to have at your home but make excellent gifts for friends.

All profits from sale of cakes will support the fine projects sponsored by the Appomattox Lions Club.